

SENATOR MILLER: I am going to have to stand and oppose this bill. I will promise you that I will research it a little bit more before Select File, if it does happen to pass, to get more of a grasp of those figures. But at this time there are several costs of doing business. One of them would be the cost of the fixtures. One figure that you did have absolute was the fact that it would cost 10 or 20 dollars for each faucet to put it on. At this time I am not convinced that that investment could be offset by a cost savings, even if you take into account the personal suffering that is done. I think in this society, or this environment we have to be somewhat protective of our citizen. But I think the citizen has to be in a position to protect himself somewhat. There is also insurance that can cover a situation like this. And, of course, we know what the insurance rates are if an operator so chooses to have a hotel, for example, if he so chooses to, install one of these devices for a lower insurance rate, that would be a better proposal than to have it legislated through law. I will have to oppose this. I will still research it some more, Senator Lynch.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Miller. The Chair recognizes Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm supporting this bill for a primary reason. As a Shriner in the Flying Fez unit, I've flown my airplane, many times, to Galveston, Texas with young babies and children from the North Platte area injured in this very manner. They've been in bathtub situations, merely with playing with the faucets, turned on the hot water, scalded themselves severely enough to have their life threatened. I think that this small expense in institutions, hospitals, nursing homes, would be well worth the trouble. I certainly would urge your support of 264. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I rise to support LB 264. I am sorry that "private home" for new construction had to be removed by the amendment for that would have also helped protect the health and safety of citizens of the future. This is not all that I might wish for, but I do except to give my support to LB 264. It has a modest cost. In the long-run it will save an insurance rate because you and I know that automobile accidents increase our automobile insurance, and the accidents in home or public